

State Program Standing Committee
June 19, 2014
Comfort Inn & Suites

Members present: Emily Anderson, Anne Bakeman, Max Barrows, Linda Berger, Julie Cunningham, Bethany Drum, Joe Greenwald, Kyle Moriarty, Edwin Place, Theresa Wood, and Susan Yuan

Members absent: Nicole LeBlanc, Greg Mairs, Barbara Prine, Connie Woodberry

Guests & Staff: Rich Atkinson, Joy Barrett, June Bascom, Nancy Breiden, Ashley Carabeen, Camille George, Amy Graves, Laurie Lintner, Bart Mairs, Katelyn Manning, Pam McCarthy, Bill Metcalf, Betty Milizia, Chris O'Neill, Erin Rose, Tina Royer, Karen Schwartz, Jennifer Stratton,

Announcements: The Voices & Choices Conference was fantastic. Thank you goes to GMSA for putting this on.

Minutes: The May minutes were reviewed. Bethany Drum motioned to accept the minutes as written. Joe Greenwald seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by the committee.

Re-designation: The report for the re-designation of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) was reviewed. There were several areas of concerns discussed. There was much discussion about the lack of a consumer on the HCRS governing board. Theresa Wood asked Max Barrows of GMSA to write a letter to address the issue. It would be helpful to provide detail to the State Program Standing Committee regarding the members on the HCRS governing board. Bill Metcalf, DDS Director for HCRS, provided a brief overview of his agency, and answered questions. Max Barrows from GMSA provided a summary of the Focus Forum and Feedback report. Committee voted: 2-Redesignate/Minor, 4-Provisional/De-designate, and 5-Provisional.

Feedback from committee on today's re-designation:

- Very clearly communicated
- Seemed direct & respectful
- Felt what was needed to be said, was said.
- Bill responds very well with being very direct to him.
- Camille is impressed with how seriously the committee takes this process.
- Rework/update the process for re-designation

Updates: - Camille George

- System Of Care Plan – a final draft of the plan was sent to the Commissioner and DAIL's Legal Department for input. Set to go live July 1, 2014.
- Department Of Labor Companionship Rule: VT was visited from Washington. How will the rule impact VT? The guidance is expected to come out very soon.
- Collective Bargaining Agreement for Independent Direct Support Providers: information has gone out from various parties – Secretary Doug Racine sent out notification that the agreement has been ratified, and they are working out the details. Once the details have been finalized, the agreement will be implemented. For Developmental Disabilities, instructions will accompany agreement. Implementation will be the first full pay period after the beginning of the new State Fiscal Year which begins July 1, 2014.
- Commissioner's exceptions for people who are not clinically eligible for DS Funding. Reviewed sections 2.13 – 3.4 of the regulations. Camille asked for input from the committee regarding this.
 - Language too open ended – needs to be tightened up.
 - Could open flood gates.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm